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SYSTEM, DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR INTERWORKING

BETWEEN A BROADBAND SS7 NETWORK AND AN

INTERNET PROTOCOL NETWORK TO PROVIDE

TRANSPORT OF CONNECTION ORIENTED INFORMATION

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Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and neither a Notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 nor a Notice of Allowance under 35 U.S.C. § 151 have been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).



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If there are any matters that can be resolved through a telephone conference, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

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